TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 1833 - HB 2229

February 11, 2014

SUMMARY OF BILL: Makes changes to the *Intractable Pain Treatment Act*. Authorizes, rather than requires, a physician, who refuses to prescribe opiate medication to a patient, to inform such patient that there are physicians who specialize in the treatment of severe chronic intractable pain with methods that include the use of opiates.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumption:

• There will not be a significant impact to the regulatory duties of the Department of Health or Division of Health Related Boards. Any fiscal impact will not be significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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